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MARKED UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for summarizing data sets, the apparatus comprising:

an input for receiving a data set to be summarized;

sectioning means for dividing said received data set into plural sections according to pre-determined criteria;

ranking means operable for each said section to compare data within the said section with one or more target data items and for calculating a ranking value for the said section, said ranking value being dependent on the outcome of said comparisons for the said section; and

[selecting]compiling means for compiling a customized summary of the data set by selecting one or more of said one or more sections according to their respective ranking values.

9. (Twice Amended) A method as in Claim [3]8, wherein:

at step b), said one or more pre-determined measures of distribution include a measure of the number of sections of said data set, other than the said section, containing key data items of the said section; and

the corresponding distribution value, as calculated for the said section, is proportional to the sum of the values of said measure of the number of sections determined for each key data item of the said section.